MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH); (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No.

(c) Research on standardisation of agro-techniques including pest and desease control in mango is being conducted at two national Institutes namely, viz Central Institute of Horticulture fo$_r$ Northern Plains, Luck-now; and Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore and at 7 centres under All India Coordinated project at Sabour (Bihar), Vengurla (Maharashtra), Rewa (MP.) Sangareddy (A. P.). Pantnagar (U. P.), Malda (W. B.), and Paria (Gujarat). The technology thus developed helps farmers in increasing the production and export.

(d) Two Central Sector Schemes namely "Supply of Amrapali and Alphonso mango grafts", and "Rejuvenation of old orchards" are in operation in different states including Maharashtra to boost mango production in the country.

Destruction of Mango Crops

1142. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 50 per cent of mango crops are destroyed at the time of **blossoming;**

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any possibility of ai$_r$ spray by helicopters;

(d) whether Government propose to increase the percentage of mango crops;

(e) whether Government propose to relay any educative advertisements on mango crop on TV and Akashvani in the mango crop season; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons herefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF. AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH); (a) and (b) Exact per centage of mango crops destroyed at the time of blossoming is not known. However, considerable damage is caused mainly due to attack of powdery mildew mango hopper, etc., at the time of blossoming.

(c) A survey relating to aerial spray on mango on Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh has bee$_n$ completed by the Vayudoot.

(d) Yes, Sir

(e) and (f) At present Government of India do not have any proposal to sponsor any educative advertisements on TV and Akashvani in the mango crop season because of extension agencies functioning in all the States.

धान की खेती में अधिक पैदावार देने वाली किस्मों का योगदान

1143. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस मौसम के दौरान धान की खेती में प्रयुक्त अधिक पैदावार देने वाली बीजों की किस्मों का क्या योगदान रहा है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार इसके लिए किसानों को कोई प्रोत्साहन/रियायत दे रही है अथवा देने का विचार रखती है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जयन्तीलाल वीरचन्दभाई शाह) : (क) खरीफ धान क्षेत्र के 39 मिलियन हैक्टेयर में से लगभग 60 प्रतिशत से भी अधिक क्षेत्र में अधिक उपज देने वाले किस्मों के बीजों की खेती की जाती है।

(ख) धान की अधिक उपज देने वाली किस्मों की खेती को लोकप्रिय बनाने के लिए पहले जारी की गई और हाल ही में जारी की गई स्थानीय

विशिष्ट किस्मों के बीज मिनीकिटों को नगण्य लागत पर कृषकों में वितरित किया जाता है तथा नए और उपयुक्त किस्मों के संबंध में क्षेत्र प्रदर्शन, कृषकों के खेतों में आयोजित किये जाते हैं।

List of Pesticides

1144. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 128 registered pesticides in the country which are available in various formulations and combinations with a variety of Brand names has been compiled and if so, the sources of supply; and

(b) if no such list has been compiled so far, whether a list of these pesticides with five brand names be made available for reference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAI SHAH); (a) and (b) It is a fact that 128 pesticides have been registered in the country by the Registration Committee set-up under the Insecticides Act, 1968. The Registration Committee under the said Act registers only generic name of the pesticide and their formulation including combinations. It is open to the manufacturer of the pesticide in whose name it has been registered to market the product under its own Brand name and it is not obligatory under the said Act to get that Brand Name registered. The list of Brand name, therefore, has not been compiled and there is no proposal to do so at present.

Number of Athletes /Sportsmen/ Sports Women employed in Railways

1145. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of athletes/ sportsmen/ sports-women presently employed in the Railways;

(b) what is the number of those who have been given permanent jobs and those who are working on ad-hoo basis;

(c) whether in recognition of their services to the Indian athletics, Government propose to confirm the ad-hoc employees in the service; and

(d) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: (a) Information is being collected from the Zonal Railways and Production Units and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) to (d) All the sportsmen/sports-women are recruited against regular posts. These sports-persons are on probation for a period of two years. After successful completion of probation period, they are retained on a permanent basis.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am on a point of personal explanation. *(Interruptions)***,**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Papers to be laid on the Table.

[The **Deputy Chairman in the Chair]**

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): Madam, I want to make a submission.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let the Papers be laid. *(Interruptions)*.

DR. NAGEN SAIKIA (Assam): Madam, I have a point to make. *(Interruptions)* 12. 00 NOON

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